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SUBJECT:TRAVELS OF BANGLADESH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. FCO SOURCES CONFIRM THAT FONMIN KAMAL HOSSAIN HAS NOT ASKED FOR ANY MEETINGS WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS OR GIVEN INDICATION OF LENGTH OF TIME HE WILL STAY IN UK. THEY BELIEVE HE IS BRINGING HIS WIFE AND MOTHER WITH HIM AND SUSPECT HE WILL DROP THEM OFF IN UK "THUS ADDING TO THE SWELLING NUMBERS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM THE SUBCONTINENT."

2. BRITISH NOTE HOSSAIN HAS CAREFULLY NURTURED HIS TIES WITH OXFORD. HE IS AMONG MANY OTHER LEADING BENGALI WHO PREPARE "BOLT HOLES" IN THE UK AGAINST THE DAY THEY MAY NEED TO LEAVE BANGLADESH IN A HURRY. FCO OFFICIALS THINK THAT DAY MAY NOT BE LONG IN COMING (COMMENT: AN OPINION WHICH SUITS THEIR EXTREMELY PESSIMISTIC CURRENT FRAME OF MIND TOWARD THE FUTURE OF BANGLADESH).

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